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SUMMARY: TIMES OF ZAMBIA FEATURED REPORT FROM GABORONE ON DEMAND BY OPPOSITION MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT THAT BOTSWANA CALL FOR CUBAN SUPPORT TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY. SAME ARTICLE CITES SEAN MCBRIDE'S WARNING THAT SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA ARE PLANNING COMBINED MILITARY ACTION AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA. DISAPPEARANCE OF ANOTHER CATHOLIC PRIEST; RICHARD'S CONSULTATION IN LONDON, SMITH'S STATEMENTS PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO GENEVA, DI AFFECTION OF REVEREND KANAN BANANA FROM THE ANC/MUZOREWAV AND REPORT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL HOLD TALKS ON RHODESIA THIS WEEKEND ARE LUMPED INTO ONE TIMES ARTICLE. SEPARATE ARTICLES COVER PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S MEETING WITH ANGOLAN ROVING AMBASSADOR PASCAL LUVUALU, AND SHARP QUESTIONING BY ZAMBIAN MPS OF THE RATIONALE BEHIND GRZ'S DECISION TO RECOGNIZE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. TIMES EDITORIAL WARNS THAT ZAMBIA MUST BE PREPARED TO MEET A TIME OF GREAT CHALLENGE AS THE WAR IN RHODESIA THREATENS TO

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SPILL OVER INTO ZAMBIA. END SUMMARY

1. CALL FOR CUBAN HELP - TIMES CORRESPONDENT, CHARLES CHIPAMTA, REPORTING FROM GABORONE, REVIEWS THE RECENT INCURSIONS FROM RHODESIA INTO BOTSWANA A

SECURITY MEASURES (EXTENSIVE ROAD BLOCKSGT TAKEN TO CONTROL MOMEMENT ALONG THE BOTSWANA/RHODESIA BORDER. HE THEN PLAYS UP DEMANDS BY BOTSWANA OPPOSITION MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA APPEAL TO CUBA FOR HELP IN COUNTERING ATTACKS FROM RHODESIA. "ON FOREIGN MILITARY AID, THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA SHOULD FOLLOW ANGOLA'S EXAMPLE WHERE CUBAN TROOPS HELPED THE MPLA TO TRIUMPH OVER ITS RIVALS."

2. MCBRIDE WARNS OF RHODESIAN/SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY BUILD UP - INTERVIEWED IN LUSAKA, SEAN MCBRIDE CLAIMED THAT SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA ARE PLANNING COMBINED MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA. "I AM AFRAID, HE SAID, THAT THIS PLAN AGAINST TWO INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES MAY WELL PRODUCE A MAJOR CONFLICT IN THE AREA." HE APPEALED TO WESTERN COUNTRIES NOT TO SUPPLY ANY ARMS.

3. CATHOLIC PRIEST DISAPPEARS IN RHODESIA -- DATELINED SALISBURY, STORY FEATURES DISAPPEARANCE OF SWISS FATHER GEORGE OREGER, 2#9 8 5#97&#5 59 ?3 385#34 (8))3\$ 94 -?\$7:53\$ ?6 &73448))- \*94:3 . SMITH'S STATEMENT ON DEPARTURE FROM SALISBURY THAT HE IS PROBABLY LESS OPTIMISTIC THAN WHEN HE FIRST WENT TO GENEVA IS BURIED IN ARTICLE ON PRIEST'S DISAPPEARANCE AS IS THE REPORT THAT SECRETARY K SSINGER WILL HOLD TALKS ON RHODESIA WHILE IN LONDON THIS WEEKEND.

4. PRESIDENT KAUNDA MEETS WITH ANGOLAN ROVING AMBASSADOR - REPORT OF KAUNDA'S MEETING WITH PASCAL LUVUALU DECEMBER 7 MERITED FRONT PAGE, PICTORIAL COVERAGE IN TIMES. ACCOMPANYING STORY QUOTES KAUNDA AS SAYING THAT VISITS BTWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF UNIP AND MPLA WOULD CONTINUE. THIS IS IN THE INTEREST OF RESOLVING PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT ARISE "JUST AS IS DONE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY."

5. MPS QUESTION RECOGNITION OF LUANDA - SIDE BY SIDE WITH REPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF KAUNDA/LUVUALU STORY IS ARTICLE COVERING PARLIAMENT SESSION WHERE RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA CAME UNDER SHARP QUESTIONING. MPS WANTED TO KNOW IF CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY GRZ RECOGNITION (ANOOLAN GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY) HAD BEEN MET. IF CONDITIONS HAD NOT BEEN MET, WHY HAD GRZ RECOGNIZED? PRIME MINISTER MUDENDA IN HIS REPLIES REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO ADDRE S THE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF WHETHER A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN ANGOLA.

6. ZAMBIA SENDS MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO MOZAMBIQUE - IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING IN PARLIAMENT, THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH CONFIRMED THAT ZAMBIA HAD SENT 10 DOCTORS, 20 NURSES, AND 20 MEDICAL ASSISTANT TO MOZAMBIQUE.

7. TIMES EDITORIAL WARNS THAT THE WORST IS YET TO COME - ZAMBIA HAS STOOD SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THOSE FIGHTING AGAINST PORTUGUESE AND RHODESIAN REPRESSION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THIS HAS COST ZAMBIA DEARLY IN MONEY AND IN LIVES. BUT THE WORST IS YET TO COME. "THE TIME IS AT HAND WHEN THE MASSACRES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE BY TRIGGER HAPPY RACISTS IN MOZAMBIQUE WILL ALSO BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY IN ZAMBIA, BOTSWANA AND ANGOLA." AS THIS HOUR OF PERIL APPROACHES, ZAMBIANS MUST BE PREPARED TO CONFRONT IT WITHOUT LOSING THE VISION OF WHAT THE STRUGGLE MEANS FOR ALL MANKIND. NOT ONLY MUST ZAMBIA PROTECT ITS OWN BORDERS, BUT IT MUST AS WELL BE PREPARED TO COME TO THE ASSISTANCE OF ITS NEIGHBORS.

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